

REMARKS

Claims 1-27, 29-30 and 35-46 are pending. Claims 26-28 and 31-34 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. The claims are amended to eliminate multiple dependencies, without disclaimer or prejudice, so as to reduce the fee for extra claims.

The specification is amended to include a priority claim listing the parent applications and to insert the attached Abstract of the Disclosure.

Paper and computer readable forms of the Sequence Listing do not add new matter, and their contents are the same. It is respectfully submitted that the attached complies with 37 CFR § 1.821 et seq. Otherwise, prompt notice of any defects in the Sequence Listing is earnestly solicited and additional time is requested to comply.

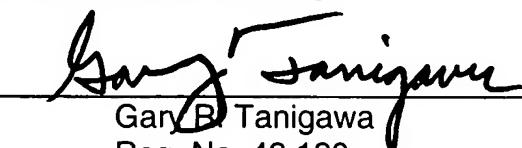
Form PTO/SB/08a listing the documents cited by the international searching authority in the parent PCT application is attached. A copy of the International Search Report for PCT/EP04/013426 is also attached hereto and listed on Form PTO/SB/08a.

Applicant earnestly solicits an early and favorable examination on the merits. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if any further information is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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